

## ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION

September 25, 2008

Minutes of the Economic Development Commission held at 8:15 A.M., on Thursday, September 25, 2008 at North Haven Town Hall.

Members Present: Ralph Durante, LuAnn Buono, William Gambardella, Walter Mann, Deborah Moore, Radha Prasad, Deborah Moore, Frank Maher, Walter Nester

Members Absent: Thomas Dunham

Also Present: First Selectman Janet McCarty, Alan Fredricksen, Alan Sturtz

The following materials were either mailed to the members prior to this meeting or distributed at this time:

1. Agenda of September 18, 2008
2. Minutes of Meeting held on August 28, 2008

### FALL ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT BREAKFAST

Mr. Maher reported that the breakfast will be at Anthem on October 16<sup>th</sup>. The McKnightø (McDonaldø) will supply the coffee. The invitation letters will go out today. Mr. Mann will prepare the slide show.

Mr. Durante said that the following will give a brief presentation at the breakfast:

Rabina  
D. Gray  
J. Birmingham  
S. Flora  
Bozzutoø  
McKnightø  
Quinnipiac  
New Haven County Credit Union

### ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CORP

Mr. Durante asked Commission members to continue to think about possible candidates for the corporation.

### SPECIAL TOWN MEETING SEPTEMBER 25<sup>TH</sup> of TIF

Mr. Gambardella said that he will be attending the meeting this evening. He said that the prior administration made a commitment to the contractor and the Town cannot renege. It is a tax benefit to the town. Other towns such as Orange and Branford have afforded contractors this benefit. We need to be aggressive otherwise developers will seek out other towns. We cannot put politics before good business decisions.

COVIDIEN

Mr. Durante and First Selectman McCarty met with Scott Flora on September 19<sup>th</sup>. Mr. Durante said the meeting went very well and Covidien is planning a major expansion.

MONTOWESE STEERING COMMITTEE MEETING

On August 28<sup>th</sup> Ms. Buono and Mr. Durante met with 8 business owners from the Montowese section of Town. The meeting was productive with business owners asking various questions. Mr. Gambardella will chair this committee.

WASHINGTON AVENUE (1) STEERING COMMITTEE

Ms. Buono volunteered to chair this committee and will work with Mr. Lazaroff getting the names of various businesses on Washington Avenue. Mr. Alan Sturtz, Tax Collector, said he would provide a list of businesses on Washington Avenue up to Exit 12. The purpose of these steering committees is to trade information, discuss issues and resolve problems.

Mr. Durante said he would like to establish other Steering Committees for Universal Drive, State Street and Washington Avenue (2).

The next Economic Development Commission meeting is scheduled for October 23<sup>rd</sup> at 8:15 AM. We will meet at Town Hall, first floor conference room.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business before the Commission Mr. Durante moved to adjourn the meeting at 9:30AM, seconded by Mr. Gambardella.